



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Lest We Forget*



### **A Prayer of Remembrance**

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who we remember this day  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## GATHERING

*All gather in silence*

*The presiding minister reads:*

God is our refuge and strength;  
a very present help in trouble.

*Psalm 46.1*

What does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6.8*

*The presiding minister continues:*

We meet in the presence of God.

We commit ourselves to work  
in penitence and faith

for reconciliation between the nations,  
that all people may, together,  
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all

who in bereavement, disability and pain  
continue to suffer the consequences of  
fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow  
those whose lives,  
in world wars and conflicts past and present,  
have been given and taken away.

## REMEMBERING

*A young person says:*

We remember all those people that have died in service of country, including those young men from our community:

John Banner	John Hancox	Charles W Stevens
Stanley Charles Biddle	William Harbach	Harry Tilt
John Thomas Burton	Samuel Harbridge	Charles Tranter
Samuel Clements	Walter Harris	William Thomas Wilkes
Albert Crisp	Charles Harrison	Arthur Wood
Clifford Vernon Darby	John Hodgetts	Ernest Wood
Jephthah Davenport	Ernest Hughes	Frederick Ernest Wood
Philip Davenport	George Ivamy	
Ernest John Eades	Frederick Jones	
George Eades	Rupert Rea	
Donald Evans	Harry Read	

*An older person says:*

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

*All affirm:*

**We will remember them.**

*The beginning of the two-minute silence*

*Silence*

*The completion of the silence may be signalled*

*The presiding minister*

Let us pray:

Ever-living God

we remember those whom you have  
gathered

from the storm of war into the peace of  
your presence;

may that same peace

calm our fears,

bring justice to all peoples

and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Hymn:*

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home;**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.**

## **LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD**

*The reader says:*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his

disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:1-12

## PRAYING TOGETHER

*Prayer is led:*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

May God give peace

**God give peace**

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

May God give peace

**God give peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know.  
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,  
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.  
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

All join together in the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come;  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

*Representative and other members of the public come forward to lay wreaths, light candles or offer other symbols of remembrance and hope, such as single flowers or crosses.*

*The Kohima Epitaph is said:*

When you go home  
tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow  
we gave our today.



## RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

*The act of commitment is made:*

Let us commit ourselves to responsible  
living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

**We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

**We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

**We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out  
by love:

May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,

And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;

through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

**Amen**

## **The National Anthem:**

**God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the Queen.**

### *Blessing:*

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all  
and remain with us always.

**Amen**

## **Fairfield War Memorial**

Fairfield War Memorial Cross was unveiled by General Sir Percy Radcliffe and dedicated by Rev. Canon Cronshaw on Sunday 4th May 1924. As well as the names of the fallen from both World Wars, another inscription reads:- "To the Glory of God and in Memory of the Men of Fairfield who gave their lives for God, King and Country in the Great War 1914-1919 + Lest We Forget". Like many memorials of this time, the ending date is given as 1919 rather than 1918.

According to the United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials, the memorial was designed by the Bromsgrove Guild, who were well-known in the arts & craft world. (The Bromsgrove Guild existed from 1898 to 1966.)

The War Memorial lists the following men who died in service of their country:

### **John Banner (son of Luke & Teresa Banner, Wildmoor)**

Rank : Lance Corporal

Regiment : 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 12364

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 25th April 1915 aged 21

Buried : Commemorated on Helles Memorial, Turkey.

### **Stanley Charles Biddle (son of Edward & Sarah Biddle, Fairfield)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 18726

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 15th November 1916 aged 33

Buried : Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France.

**John Thomas Burton (husband of Florence of Fairfield and father of 10 children)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 36507

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 27<sup>th</sup> March 1917 aged 40

Buried : St. Sever Cemetery, Rouen, France

**Samuel Clements (son of Henry and Emma Clement of Birmingham)**

Rank : Lance Sergeant

Regiment : 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Warwickshire Regiment

Service number : 1125

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 16<sup>th</sup> February 1917 aged 26

Buried : Fins New British Cemetery, Somme, France

**Albert Crisp (son of Thomas and Eliza Crisp of Bournheath)**

Rank : Corporal

Regiment : 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 26908

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 9th October 1918 aged 26

Buried : Fairfield (St Mark) Churchyard.

**Clifford Vernon Darby**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 13th (2nd/4th Battalion The South Lancashire Regiment) Battalion The Parachute Regiment Army Air Corps

Service number : 14520557

Conflict : WW2

Date of death : 7th June 1944 aged 23

Buried : Ranville War Cemetery, France.

**Jephthah Davenport (son of Henry & Mary Davenport of Bournheath, husband of Lizzie of Bournheath of father of 1 child)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 27433

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 11th July 1916 aged 26

Buried : Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France.

**Philip Davenport**

Rank : Sapper

Regiment : 1017 Docks Operating Company Royal Engineers

Service number : 1909248

Conflict : WW2

Date of death : 11th August 1942 aged 22

Buried : Beirut War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic.

**Ernest John Eades (son of John & Emma Eades of Fairfield)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 9th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 19457

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 4th July 1916 aged 22

Buried : Basra War Cemetery, Iraq.

**George Eades (son of John & Julia Eades of Stoneybridge)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 2nd Battalion The Herefordshire Regiment. King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Service number : 4038165

Conflict : WW2

Date of death : 31st July 1941 aged 25

Buried : Fairfield (St Mark) Churchyard.

**Donald Evans (son of Mr. & Mrs. T.R.J. Evans of Fairfield)**

Rank : Driver

Regiment : Royal Signals

Service number : 316382

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 16<sup>th</sup> December 1918 aged 21

Buried : Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France

**John Hancox (son of Annie Elizabeth Hancox of Fairfield)**

Rank : Private John Wallace Hancox

Regiment : 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 12386

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 27th June 1915 aged 26

Buried : Twelve Tree Copse Cemetery, Turkey.

**William Harbach (son of Harry & Caroline Harbach of Stourbridge)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 424th Agricultural Company Labour Corps

Service number : 460691

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 10th October 1918 aged 27

Buried : Fairfield (St Mark) Churchyard.

**Samuel Harbridge (son of George & Mary Harbridge of Bell Heath)**

Rank : Driver

Regiment : Royal Field Artillery

Service number : 87551

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 27<sup>th</sup> March 1918 aged 35

Buried : Etaples Military Cemetery

**Walter Harris (son of Joshua & Jane Harris of Bournheath)**

Rank : Driver

Regiment : Royal Field Artillery

Service number : Unknown

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 19<sup>th</sup> August 1917 aged 27

Buried : Unknown

**Charles Herbert Harrison (son of Charles H. & Sarah Harrison of Bournheath)**

Rank : Lance Corporal

Regiment : 14th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 25484

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 8th June 1917 aged 23

Buried : Fairfield (St Mark) Churchyard.

**John Hodgetts (son of Caleb & Annie Hodgetts, Bournheath)**

Rank : Lance Sergeant

Regiment : 14th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 25815

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 2nd September 1916 aged 22

Buried : Wimereux Communal Cemetery, France.

**Ernest Hughes (son of Edward & Charlotte Hughes of Fairfield)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 26033

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 9th August 1916

Buried : Vermelles British Cemetery, France.

**George Frederick Ivamy (of Fairfield and son of Joseph & Emily Ivamy of Winton, Dorset)**

Rank : Sergeant

Regiment : 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 15670

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 1st July 1916 aged 34

Buried : Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France.

**Frederick Charles Jones (son of Charles H. & Agnes Jones of Bournheath)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment

Service number : 47597

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 31st July 1917 aged 20

Buried : Commemorated on Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

**Rupert Rea (son of James Ellen Rea of Huddington, Worcs.)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : Devonshire Regiment. Transferred to 446th Company Labour Corps.

Service number : 29625

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 1st December 1918 aged 27

Buried : Fairfield (St Mark) Churchyard

**Harry Read (son of Arthur & Mary Read of Fairfield)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 9th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 27142

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 15th December 1916 aged 20

Buried : Commemorated on Basra Memorial, Iraq.



**Charles W Stevens (son of Charles Henry & Myra Stevens of Bromsgrove)**

Rank : Driver

Regiment : 10 Ambulance Car Company Royal Army Service Corps

Service number : 138071

Conflict : WW2

Date of death : 13th October 1943 aged 24

Buried : Johannesburg (West Park) Cemetery, South Africa.

**Harry Tilt (son of Thomas & Mary Tilt of Bournheath)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 9803

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 14th April 1918 aged 19

Buried : Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, France.

**Charles Tranter (son of Mary A. Tranter of Belbroughton, husband of Jane of Bournheath and father of 3 young children)**

Rank : Gunner

Regiment : 129th Battery 42nd Brigade Royal Field Artillery

Service number : 328

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 15th October 1917 aged 37

Buried : Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm), Belgium.

**William Thomas Wilkes (son of Thomas & Elizabeth Wilkes of Wildmoor)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 10th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 19896

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 30th July 1916 aged 26

Buried : Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France.

**Arthur Wood (son of Sarah Read of Bournheath)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Service number : 15719

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 6th October 1916 aged 22

Buried : Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-La-Boisselle, France.

**Ernest Wood (son of William & Emma Wood of Wildmoor)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 3rd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Service number : 60440

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 19th February 1919 aged 18

Buried : Fairfield (St Mark) Churchyard.

**Frederick Ernest Wood (son of Mrs. Hodgkiss of Wildmoor)**

Rank : Private

Regiment : 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

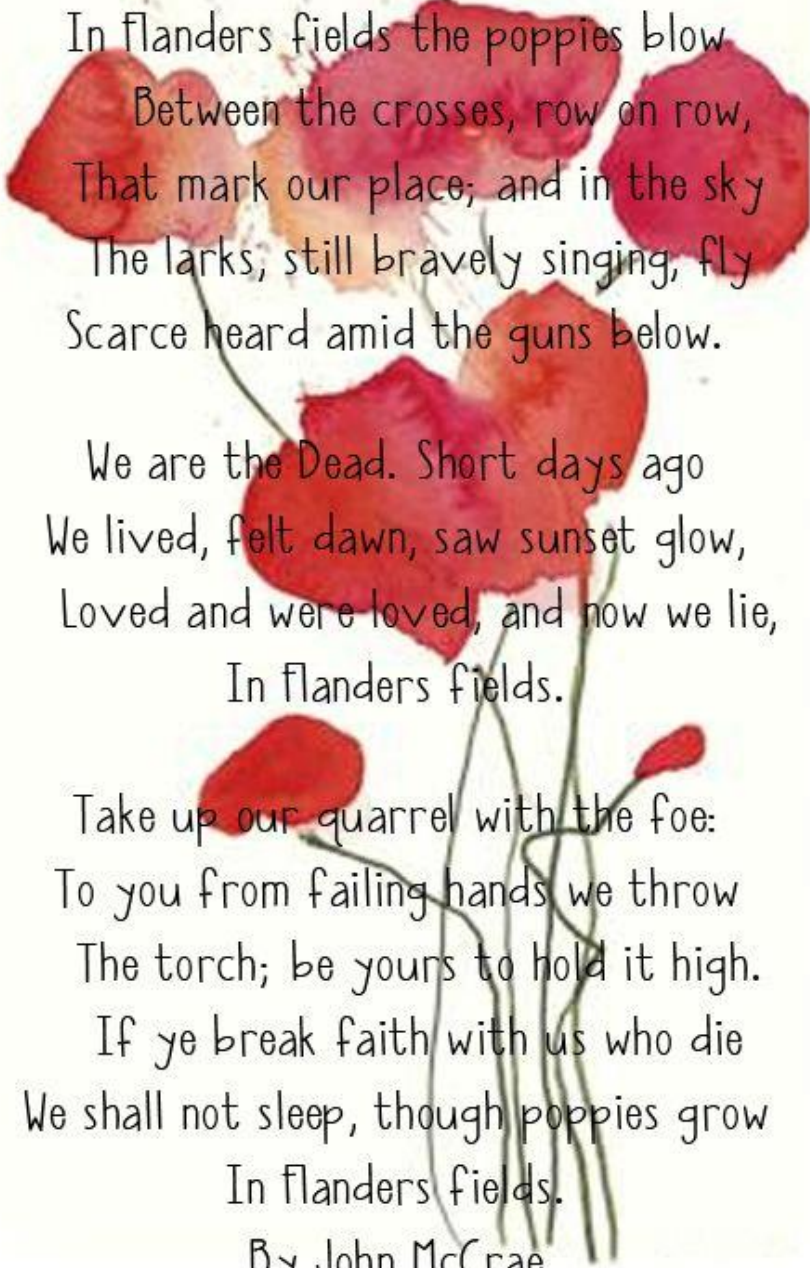
Service number : 29789

Conflict : WW1

Date of death : 12<sup>th</sup> April 1918 aged 20

Buried : Unknown

## In flanders fields

A watercolor illustration of several red poppies with green stems and leaves, positioned behind the text. The poppies are rendered in various shades of red, from deep crimson to lighter, almost pinkish-red tones. The stems are thin and dark green, with some leaves visible. The overall style is soft and artistic, typical of watercolor painting.

In flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks; still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In flanders fields.

By John McCrae

